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SUBJ: CUBANA BEGINS "COMMERCIAL" AIR SERVICE TO AFRICA

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL AIRPORT SOURCES, CUBANA'S HAVANA-LUANDA SERVICE BEGAN AS PLANNED ON JUNE 29, THE FIRST EASTBOUND FLIGHT PASSING THROUGH HERE AT 2230 LOCAL. EQUIPMENT USED HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY REPORTED AS LLYSHIN AND BRITANIA, BOTH 100 PLUS SEAT PROP-JETS. THE RETURN FLIGHT IS EXPECTED HERE APPROX 1200 LOCAL ON JULY 3.

2. A SOURCE IN THE AIRPORT CATERING COMPANY SAYS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIED ONLY CREW, NO PASSENGERS.

3. EMPLOYEES AT BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS, CUBANA'S LOCAL AGENT, ARE UNAWARE OF ANY PLANS TO SELL SEATS ON THE AFRICA RUN. A PRESS REPORT PUBLISHED JULY 2 STATES THAT THE FIRST FLIGHT WAS A "CHARTER" SINCE THE GOB HAS NOT YET GRANTED PERMISSION FOR THE SCHEDULED SERVICE.
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